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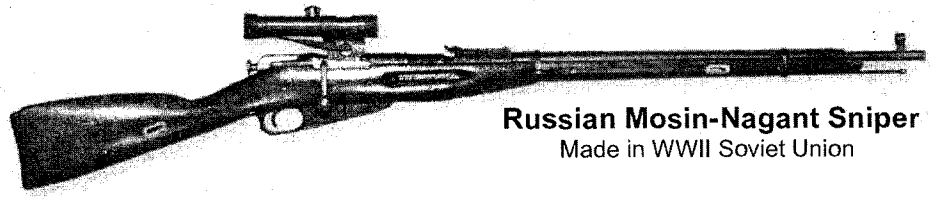

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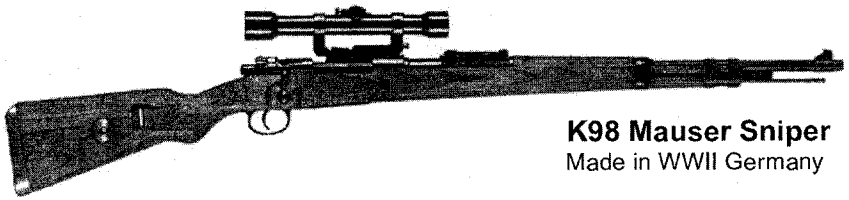

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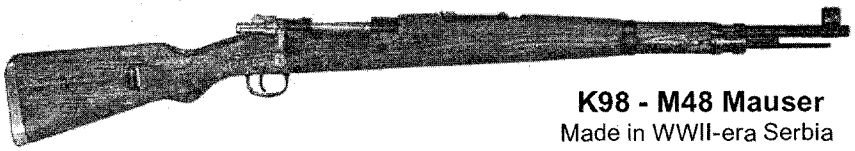

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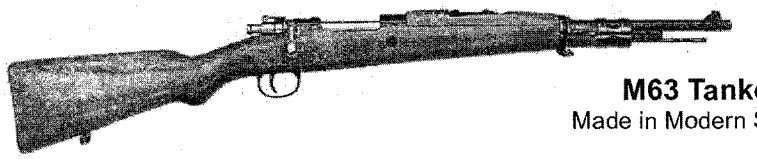

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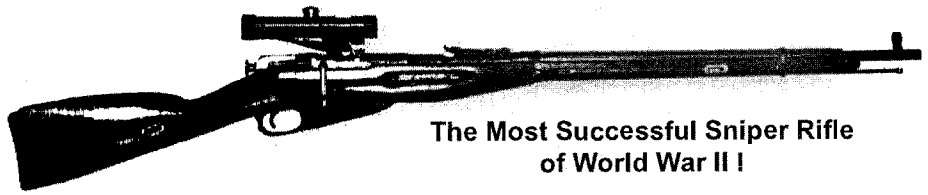

The Most Successful Sniper Rifle of World War II !

This Owner's Manual must always accompany this special Mosin-Nagant Sniper rifle and be transferred with it upon any change of ownership. Become thoroughly knowledgeable with the instructions contained herein and be sure to review the entire manual each time you intend to use your rifle.

Your rifle must be thoroughly inspected before each use, and cleaned and oiled after each use!

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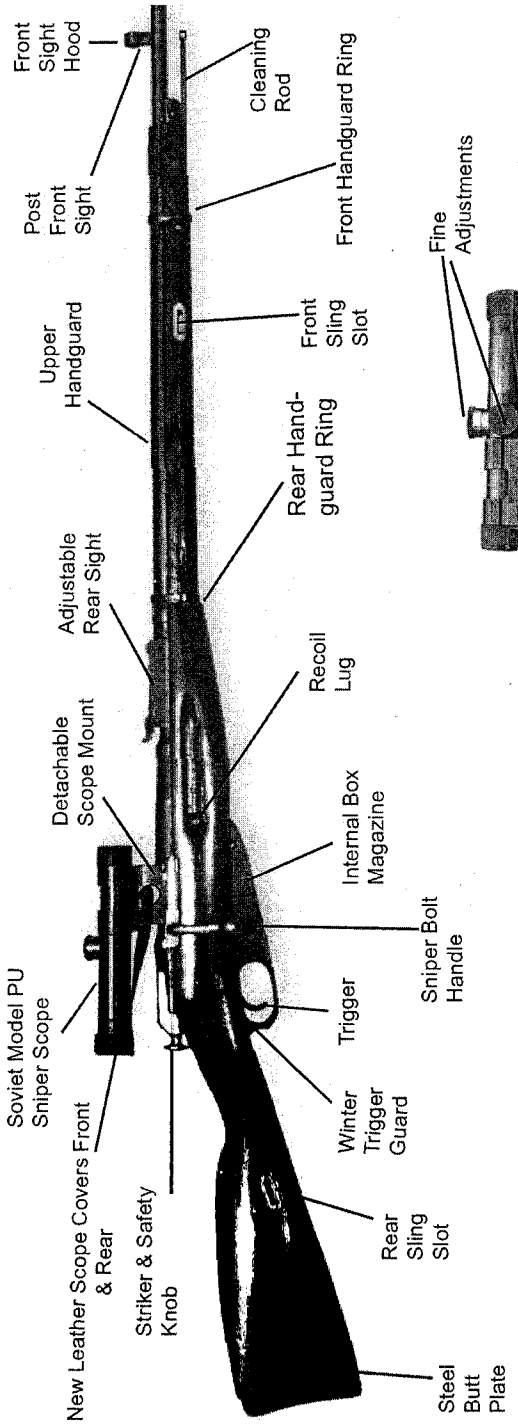
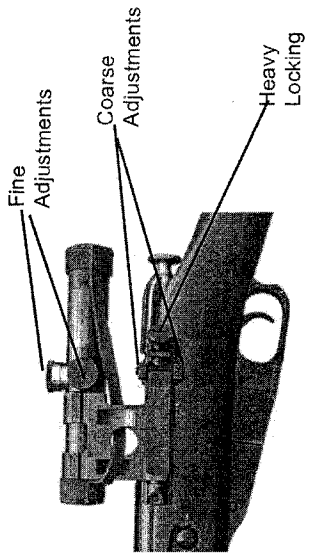
Rifle Features and Components





Model PU Scope

Soviet Sniper Rifle Model Mosin-Nagant
Caliber 7.62 x 54R
Equipped with Soviet Military
Model PU Rifle Scope

Congratulations...

on your purchase of a very exciting rifle. Exciting to own, exciting to display and exciting to use. Just seeing it and handling it brings on images of Tsarist Russia, the Cossacks, the Russian Revolution and the great Eastern-Front battles of World War II. The better known battles of World War II include The Battle of Stalingrad (now Volgograd), The Battle of Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), the Battle of Kiev in the Ukraine and the Battle of Berlin.

The Mosin-Nagant Sniper rifle is a very strong, battle-proven rifle design. It will perform with the best of the current day bolt-action rifles even though it has been superceded by more modern designs for military purposes.

Your rifle is now a civilian. It will perform admirably well on the target range or in the big-game hunting fields and mountains. Its caliber is 7.62 x 54R and this caliber is very close in performance to the U.S. Caliber .30-06. The caliber 7.62x54R is still in use by the Russian army in many of its current weapons.

Because your Mosin-Nagant Sniper Rifle is now a collector's item, it will be the centerpiece of your gun collection and even enhance the mantle over the fireplace. There have been many variations of the Mosin-Nagant rifle over the years and this Sniper Rifle model is the very best of them all!

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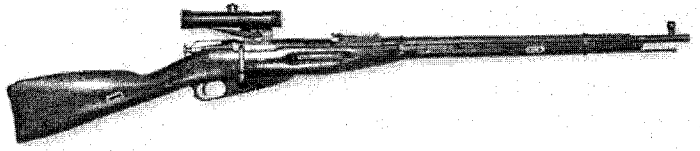


A bit of History....

In the late nineteenth century, a Tsarist Captain named Sergei Mosin of the Imperial Russian Army initially designed a new infantry rifle because their standard-issue Berdan rifles, at the time, performed so poorly against then-modern lever action rifles used by their adversaries. The rifle design was modified in cooperation with a competent Belgian designer named Leon Nagant; hence the name of the rifle as the Mosin-Nagant. Specially selected rifles out of normal production were accepted to be made into sniper rifles. This was because these selected rifles met the high-end of the quality control standards. Inherent accuracy when scope equipped and in the hands of a reasonably trained marksman, these rifles became the envy of the sniper corps of many other countries and the scourge of the Nazi army.

The standard model 1891 infantry rifle was the main battle rifle of Tsarist Russia. It remained in service after the 1917 revolution when the Soviet Union was created and was in regular Soviet Union military service up through 1965. Its caliber, 7.62x54R, remains in Russian service to the current day. The Sniper Rifle version of the Mosin-Nagant rifle was modified in 1930 and is the finest of the breed.

The Mosin-Nagant sniper rifle was replaced in military service by the new Soviet Dragunov rifle, a semi-automatic rifle model although, even today, some armies still use the Mosin-Nagant in front line service wherever sniper rifles are needed.

- Soviet acceptance standards for Mosin-Nagant sniper rifles at the time included requirements for a 50% hit-probability on a standing target at a distance of a half-mile (800 meters)!
- It also called for a hit-probability of 80% at a distance of 500 meters.
- At distances of less than 200 meters, it called for MOA performance.

These are very high standards of acceptance even for current day rifles!

During World War II, the rifle was made famous by two well-known Soviet snipers although the Soviet Union deployed thousands of snipers in support of their land army.

The Hollywood movie, Enemy at the Gates, depicted the famous Battle of Stalingrad, one of the greatest battles in human history and shows the Mosin-Nagant Sniper rifle along with the German Mauser Sniper Rifle; both featured throughout the film (and the war). The movie is, in part, the story of Vasily Zaytsev and Lyudmila Pavlichenko. (Vasily was probably of Russian origin and Lyudmila was probably Ukrainian.) The real life German sniper in the movie was Heinz Thorvald played by actor Ed Harris.

Their individual combat performances in one of the most vicious battles of World War II still stand today. They and their Mosin-Nagant Sniper rifles performed under the most adverse conditions of World War II and their combat performance is a tribute to the ruggedness and accuracy of your rifle to say nothing of their courage and perseverance in battle.

In this rifle you have powerful history, a target rifle, a true hunter and pride of ownership.

Characteristics and General Description of your rifle:

The Mosin-Nagant Sniper rifle is a shoulder-mounted, striker-fired, trigger-actuated, magazine-fed bolt-action rifle. It is designed to be fired from the shoulder only; not in any other position, whether standing, sitting or prone. The rifle uses caliber 7.62x54R ammunition only; **NO other caliber should ever be attempted.**

This is a magazine-fed rifle. The magazine will hold 5 cartridges. Once the bolt has been drawn rearward, it can only be loaded from the top one-at-a-time, because the mounted scope prevents using stripper clips. Care must be taken when loading singly (one-at-a-time) because the cartridge has a rimmed case. Each case rim must be forward of the one below it in order to facilitate feeding. With stripper clips, this is taken care of automatically if the scope is not installed. The function of the bolt is fast and easy; chambering is smooth and extraction is reliable.

The rifle is equipped with the standard Soviet PU military riflescope in use at the time. The scope on your rifle has been overhauled to meet current scope standards (that did not exist at the time). The scope has new, coated glass, front and rear, and has new, original-type military reticles.

The scope base is built into the left side of the receiver and the scope and mount can be easily removed. Notice that the scope is equipped with real leather protective covers that cannot be lost because they are locked right into the scope mount.

Your rifle is delivered to you with its scope mounted. It has been laser-bore sighted. You will be "on the paper" at 100 yards. Final fine-tuning and targeting will depend on you, the owner. You must know trigger-control, breath-control, physical stability and point-of-aim in order to achieve the military standards built into your rifle.

Your rifle could be equipped with an original bayonet that can be attached to the front of the rifle. For safety's sake, do not attach the bayonet to the rifle. Just cover it with a light coat of oil, wrap it up and put it away. The rifles combat days are over. The bayonet is now a relic of bygone days and is for display only or better yet, just tuck it away from curious little guys.

The rifle is made of wood and steel. There are no plastic or aluminum parts in it. The factory learned, the hard way, what works and what doesn't. Everything was built to be 'soldier-proof' and to withstand cold Eastern Front and Siberian winters. This is a tribute to its ruggedness. Your rifle can easily endure anything the North American continent can throw its way in any hunting scenario.

Safety:

Safety is your responsibility and your primary concern. Of course, you know the basic handling rules governing the use of any firearm. Nevertheless, we repeat them here:

1. <u>You must know what you are doing.</u> Never point this rifle at anything you are not willing to destroy, even if your rifle is not loaded. This rifle fires the powerful 7.62 x 54R Russian cartridge.

2. Don't load or fire this rifle until you are thoroughly familiar with it and all of its handling characteristics. If you don't understand something or need to ask a question, please call us.

3. Don't handle or clean this rifle without assuring yourself and those around you that the rifle is empty and safe.

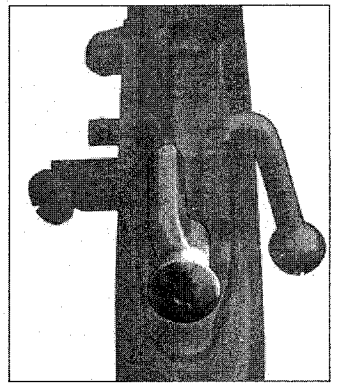
4. Don't load it or shoot it until you have examined it completely and know that it is clean, complete, safe and fully functional.

5. Don't put a live round in the chamber until you are ready to fire.

6. If you have been drinking or have been using any drugs, prescription or not, put the rifle away and come back another day. You won't perform to the standard of the rifle, you could get in trouble or, worse yet, hurt yourself or someone near you.

This Rifle is NOT a Toy. Be Careful.

The safety mechanism is sturdy, reliable and mechanically foolproof. Nevertheless, it can be overcome by carelessness or stupidity. The safety standards above are designed to prevent carelessness and probably even stupidity!

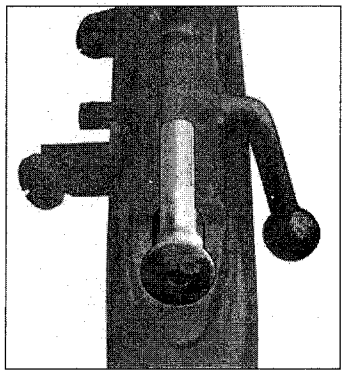


Large Knurled Knob In Safe Position

The large knurled knob on the rear of the bolt is provided for easy grasping even with gloves or dirty hands. Grasp the knob and withdraw it rearward and at the same time turn it counterclockwise about a quarter-turn. This will engage a large lug forward of the safety knob into the body of the receiver....preventing any possible firing of the rifle.

Withdrawing the knob to engage its large lug requires a good grip on the knob because you are actually withdrawing the firing pin and it's related strong spring.

Taking the rifle 'off safety' and making ready to fire is just the reverse of the above. Grasp the knob firmly and withdraw it while slowly turning it to the right (to its fire position).



Off-Safe and Ready to Fire

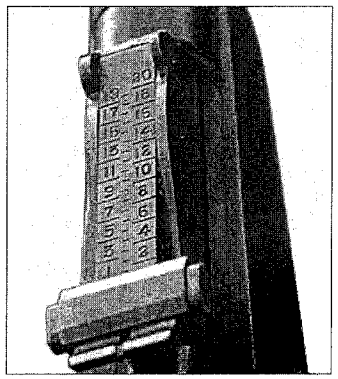
Disassembly:

In a word, DON'T!... because you don't really need to. Your rifle is rugged, safe and strong. All it needs is a good cleaning after any session at the range or after hunting. For cleaning, just use a good bore cleaner and wipe down all metal parts. Then it needs a light coat of oil over all metal surfaces, both inside and out. Your rifle is made of steel. If you neglect it, it will get rusty!

Never use corrosive ammunition or steel cased ammunition. These were wartime expediencies and have no place at the target range or in any hunting scenario in the United States. If you use corrosive ammunition, you will quickly destroy the bore!

For cleaning your rifle, simply open and retract the bolt. Check to see that there is no ammunition in the box magazine or in the chamber. With the bolt in its rearmost position, pull the trigger fully back and withdraw the bolt from the receiver. The bottom of the magazine can be opened easily for unloading and for cleaning access. Your rifle is now 'open' for cleaning and lubrication. No further disassembly is required. During the cleaning process you will see how sturdily your rifle is built.

Clean the bore from the breech end. Use a good **brass** brush dipped in a good quality bore cleaner. Use a clean patch to wipe the bore clean. Your rifle has an excellent bore! Use as many patches as necessary...until a patch comes out clean! Then apply a light coat of oil in the bore and wipe down all metal parts with a similar light coat of oil. Be sure to keep any oil or cleaner away from the lenses of the scope. Notice that within the scope mount there is a leather cover for both front and rear lenses. Keep the lenses covered whenever the scope is not in use.



Range Adjustable Rear Sight

This was deemed to be so important by the Soviet military that the leather lens cover is not removable. Another step toward being soldier-proof.

At the Range:

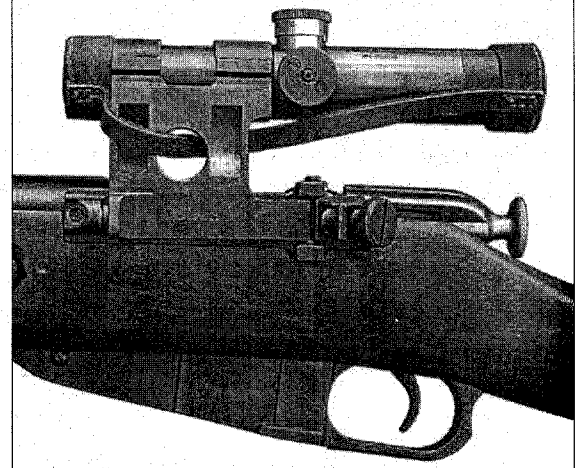
Your rifle comes to you 'Ready-to-go' **but don't go**...not yet; not until you've read this Owners Manual and fully understand the operation of the rifle and that you have satisfied yourself that you know and understand the rifles functions and safety measures in this Owners Manual. At the range your rifle will attract a lot of attention so be very careful.

Once the rifle leaves our control, the ownership responsibility transfers to you, the owner! We have done everything necessary to see that you have a rifle that you can be proud of and a rifle that is safe and sound. Beyond that it is up to you, the owner.

Once you are satisfied, you could go to the firing range to 'zero-in' your rifle. This is a combat-oriented riflescope with a steel body and is very strong. We have laser-zeroed your rifle so you should not have much to do in setting the final sight adjustments for your desired range. Make sure that your rifle is empty, make sure that the barrel has NO obstructions, even minor ones because you can't "shoot it out". What you will do is ruin a perfectly good barrel and cause injury to yourself or others around you. Observe and comply with all range rules.

Notice that the scope has two knurled adjustment knobs that will adjust your point of impact as needed; horizontally or vertically. Notice also that the reticles will visibly move as you turn either knob so make any adjustment smoothly and only a small movement at a time. Once 'zeroed', you are good-to-go; target-shooting or hunting or both.

Left side view of PU Scope.



The mount allows the use of Iron Sights or the Scope

Your rifle will perform. How well it performs is entirely up to you. To fire MOA groups, you must master trigger control, breath control, heartbeat (you'll see your heartbeat in the scope by seeing the reticles move in sync with your heart) and the rest depends on your eyes. In reality, to be good you must practice, practice, practice.

Service and Warranty

Your rifle is strong, safe and complete when delivered to you. You will void your warranty if:

1. You let it get rusty.
2. You back your car over it.
3. You use reloaded or corrosive or steel ammunition.
4. You alter the rifle in any way or add after-market parts (unless purchased from Mitchell).

Accessories:

You can increase the collector value of your rifle if you buy some original Russian accessories specific to your rifle. You probably won't use them because they are actual military accessories, but they will enhance your rifle. To purchase, simply call us at 800-274-4124.
Note: You can, for a limited time, get a companion rifle of the same period as your Mosin, the equally famous German Mauser. It may even be possible to get matching year-dates!

Government Safety Warnings:

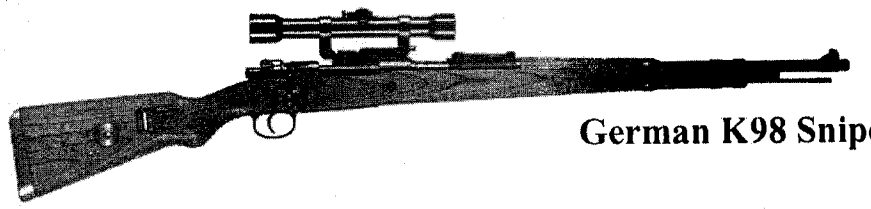
WARNING

Discharging Firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposures to lead and other substances known to the State of California to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

NOTICE

If you leave a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison or both.

The Two Best Sniper Rifles in History!



German K98 Sniper

Rifle Specifications — K98 Mauser Sniper Rifle

Action Type:	Large Ring Mauser Bolt Action, Striker fired, Magazine fed, with Long Claw Extractor.
Magazine Capacity:	5, with Controlled Round Feeding.
Caliber:	7.9mm (8x57JS Mauser)
Barrel Length:	23.62 inches
Rear Sight:	Ladder 100m to 2000m
Overall Length:	43.7 inches

Russian Mosin-Nagant Sniper

Rifle Specifications — Mosin-Nagant Sniper

Action Type:	Bolt Action, Striker fired, Magazine fed, with Claw Extractor.
Magazine Capacity:	5, Internal Box Magazine
Caliber::	7.62 x 54R
Barrel Length:	28.7 inches
Rear Sight:	Ladder 100m to 2000m
Front Sight:	Fixed-post
Overall Length:	48.5 inches
Weight:	8.8 pounds